

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY  
NEWARK DIVISION**

**IN RE: PROTON PUMP INHIBITOR  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION  
(NO. II)**

**MDL No. 2789**

**This Document Relates To:**

**LINDA K. SHIERLING**

**Plaintiff**

**vs.**

**ASTRAZENECA LP,  
ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS  
LP,  
MERCK & CO. INC. D/B/A MERCK,  
SHARP & DOHME CORPORATION**

**Defendants.**

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**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

The Plaintiff(s) named below file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Jury Demand* against Defendants named below by and through their undersigned counsel and as permitted by Case Management Order No. 7. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* in *In re: Proton-Pump Inhibitor Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2789, in the United States District Court

for the District of New Jersey pursuant to Case Management Order No. 7.

In addition to those causes of action contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand*, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES**

#### **Identification of Plaintiff(s)**

1. Name of individual injured/deceased due to the use of PPI Product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

LINDA K. SHIERLING

2. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium:

3. Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claims:

a. Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_, is filing this case in a representative capacity as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Estate of \_\_\_\_\_, deceased.

b. Survival Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for survival claims, as permitted under applicable state laws: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. As a result of using PPI Products, Plaintiff/Decedent suffered pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and personal and economic injur(ies) that are alleged to have been caused by the use of the PPI Products identified in Paragraph 10, below, but not limited to the following:

- ☒ injury to himself/herself
- ☐ injury to the person represented
- ☐ wrongful death

☐ survivorship action

☒ economic loss

☒ loss of services

☐ loss of consortium

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Identification of Defendants**

5. Plaintiff(s)/Decedent is/are suing the following Defendant(s) (please check all that apply):

☐ Abbott Laboratories

☒ AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP

☒ AstraZeneca LP

☐ GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings (US) LLC

☒ Merck & Co. Inc. d/b/a Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corporation

☐ Novartis Consumer Health, Inc.

☐ Pfizer, Inc.

☐ The Procter & Gamble Company

☐ The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company

☐ Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

☐ Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc.

☐ Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc. f/k/a Takeda Global Research & Development Center, Inc.

☐ Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

☐ Other(s) Defendant(s) (please identify):  
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**JURISDICTION & VENUE**

**Jurisdiction:**

6. Jurisdiction in this Short Form Complaint is based on:

☒ Diversity of Citizenship

☐ Other (The basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction must be pled in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).\_\_\_\_\_

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**Venue:**

7. District Court(s) in which venue was proper where you might have otherwise filed this *Short Form Complaint* absent Case Management Order No. 7 entered by this Court and/or to where remand could be ordered: Northern District of Alabama: Eastern Division (N.D. Ala.)

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**CASE SPECIFIC FACTS**

8. Plaintiff(s) currently reside(s) in (City, State): Sylacauga, AL.

9. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, Plaintiff/Decedent used PPI Product(s) during the following time period: Approximately 01/2009-12/2019.

10. Plaintiff/Decedent used the following PPI Products, for which claims are being asserted:

- ☐ Dexilant
- ☒ Nexium
- ☐ Nexium 24HR
- ☐ Prevacid
- ☐ Prevacid 24HR
- ☒ Prilosec
- ☐ Prilosec OTC
- ☐ Protonix
- ☐ Other (List All): \_\_\_\_\_

11. The injuries suffered by Plaintiff/Decedent as a result of the use of PPI Products include, among others that will be set forth in Plaintiff's discovery responses and medical records:

- ☐ Acute Interstitial Nephritis (AIN)
- ☐ Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)
- ☒ Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- ☐ End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- ☐ Dialysis
- ☐ Death
- ☒ Other(s) (please specify):

Acute Renal Failure

12. At the time of the Plaintiff's/Decedent's diagnosis of injury, Plaintiff/Decedent resided in (City, State): Sylacauga, AL.

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

13. Plaintiff(s), again, hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* as if fully set forth herein.

14. The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master *Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* are herein more specifically adopted and incorporated by reference by Plaintiff(s) please check all that apply):

- ☒ Count I: Strict Product Liability
- ☒ Count II: Strict Product Liability – Design Defect
- ☒ Count III: Strict Product Liability – Failure to Warn
- ☒ Count IV: Negligence
- ☒ Count V: Negligence *Per Se*
- ☒ Count VI: Breach of Express Warranty
- ☒ Count VII: Breach of Implied Warranty
- ☒ Count VIII: Negligent Misrepresentation
- ☒ Count IX: Fraud and Fraudulent Misrepresentation
- ☒ Count X: Fraudulent Concealment
- ☒ Count XI: Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws of the State(s) of:  
Alabama
- ☐ Count XII: Loss of Consortium
- ☐ Count XIII: Wrongful Death
- ☐ Count XIV: Survival Action
- ☐ Furthermore, Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional theories and/or

Causes of Action against Defendant(s) identified in Paragraph five (5) above. If Plaintiff(s) includes additional theories of recovery, to the extent they require specificity in pleadings, the specific facts and allegations supporting these theories must be pled by Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and judgment against Defendants of compensatory damages, punitive damages, interest, costs of suit and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just, and as set forth in the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand*, as appropriate.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: 12/31/2020

Respectfully Submitted,

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